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Other Services to Children in Foster Home Placement

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"In addition to the basic services of case management, food, clothing, shelter, education, health care, and self-sufficiency, the Division may use other services which meet a child's individual needs. When specific service needs are identified, the Division representative (Worker) shall arrange for appropriate community resources to provide the service to the child in a timely fashion, as the services are available." (N.J.A.C. 10:122D-2.8(a) and (b))

"When there are insufficient child welfare services available to meet the child's needs, the Division is responsible for encouraging and promoting the development of the needed services in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 30:4C-1, 3 and 4." (N.J.A.C. 10:122D-2.8(c))

Residential Camp Placements

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A residential camp placement may be an appropriate plan for a child in foster care and may be provided if it is consistent with the case plan for the child. Camp placement is appropriate when:

- it will enhance the treatment plan; or
- a child with a developmental or physical handicap requires a camp experience to provide necessary stimulation or treatment; or
- a child in residential care has no other appropriate living arrangement for the summer.

The Worker determines and documents in the case record the appropriateness of residential camp and obtains parental consent unless CP&P has court-ordered custody or the parent cannot be located. In these situations, the Local Office Manager may approve the plan.

Camp placements which are free or paid for from other sources must be utilized whenever possible. See <u>CP&P-IV-E-5-300</u> for the criteria and procedures for approving and effecting CP&P payment for residential camp.

Day Camp Placements

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Summer day camp placements may be approved for a child in foster care when it is consistent with the individual case plan and when it is determined that the child may benefit from the experience because the child has:

- a physical, mental, emotional handicap or special needs which could only be met through a camp experience; or
- special needs or problems which are jeopardizing the foster home placement and which could be relieved through a camp experience; or
- little stimulation or contact with the external environment.

The Worker determines and documents in the case record the appropriateness of a summer day camp experience. Consent is obtained and payment is approved according to the guidelines in <u>CP&P-IX-F-2-100</u>.

Day camp placements which are free or paid for by other sources must be utilized whenever possible.